



NEWS RELEASE

Roberto A. Villaseñor
Chief of Police

Contact: Maria Hawke
Sergeant / Public Information Office
520-791-4852
On-call PIO: tucsonpdpio@gmail.com
<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/police>

Date: 08/10/2013
TDD: 791-2639

FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION EAST IRVINGTON ROAD AND SOUTH FREMONT AVENUE

*****UPDATE – JUNE 10, 2013*****

An arrest has been made in relation to the fatal pedestrian collision that occurred on the late evening of August 9, 2013, and the vehicle involved in the collision has been located. On the morning of August 10, 2013, a family member of the person, who had been driving the vehicle on the evening of August 9, 2013, noticed damage to it when it was seen parked in front of a residence in the 2000 block of East Naco Vista. The family member immediately called 911 to advise that the vehicle was still at the residence. The individuals, an adult female driver and two female passengers, who had been in the vehicle at the time of the collision, were also at the residence. Officers from Operations Division South responded to the residence to confirm that the vehicles and females were there. Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit also responded. Ultimately, it was determined that Rebecca Lanette Valenzuela (18-years of old) had been driving a white 2004 Ford Freestar van on the evening of August 9, 2013. While traveling on East Irvington Road, she struck Ms. Angelic Barnes with the van, but did not stop to render aid. Instead, she and her two female passengers panicked and fled the scene of the collision. There were obvious signs of damage on the van, including extensive windshield damage. Ms. Valenzuela was arrested for 1 count of Leaving the Scene of an Accident Involving a Death, a Class 2 Felony. She was transported and booked into the Pima County Jail. A booking photograph of Ms. Valenzuela is not yet available. The passengers have not been charged. The vehicle was impounded for evidentiary purposes.

Sergeant Maria Hawke – August 10, 2013

On the late evening of August 9, 2013, officers from Operations Division South responded to the area of East Irvington Road and South Fremont Avenue in regards to a report of a serious injury motor vehicle collision involving a pedestrian. At approximately 10:59 p.m., the Tucson Police Department was notified of the incident. Emergency medical personnel from the Tucson Fire Department also responded to the scene of the collision. Upon the arrival of the first responders, a seriously injured adult female was located. Tucson Fire Department personnel transported her to a local trauma center, as her injuries were deemed to be life threatening. Unfortunately, she was pronounced deceased as a result of her injuries while at the hospital. The female has been identified as **29-year old Angelic Monica Barnes**. Next of kin have been notified.



CITY OF TUCSON



Ready to Protect,
Proud to Serve

NEWS RELEASE

Roberto A. Villaseñor
Chief of Police

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene in order to further the investigation. They examined and collected roadway evidence at the scene. They also conducted interviews with various witnesses. The detectives learned that Ms. Barnes had been walking across East Irvington Road in a southbound direction just west of the intersection with South Fremont Avenue. Ms. Barnes was not in a crosswalk. A vehicle was traveling eastbound on East Irvington Road in the curb lane when Ms. Barnes was crossing the street. The vehicle struck Ms. Barnes while she was in the roadway, but continued traveling eastbound after striking her without stopping or slowing. It fled the scene of the collision and was not located.

The vehicle has been described as a **white, older model van, similar to a Dodge Caravan**. The detectives request that anyone having information about the incident, the location of the vehicle, and/or the identity of the individual, who was driving the van, please **call 911 or 88-Crime**.

Fatalities year to date:

For 2012 - 21

3 Pedestrian
1 Bicycle
4 Motorcycle

For 2013 - 26

11 Pedestrian
1 Bicycle
3 Motorcycle